

THE PROGRAM

awareness • education • protection

get involved! Help Louisiana protect its drinking water. We need volunteers to serve on local Drinking Water Protection Committees. The Committees, established in each Louisiana parish targeted by the program, work with DEQ to meet drinking water protection goals.

goals

- Promote Awareness
- Educate Communities About Drinking Water Protection
- Ensure That Louisiana's Drinking Waters Are Protected

This document was published at a total cost of \$1215.25 at \$1.65 per copy for 2000 copies, by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 4301, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4301, to provide the public with environmental information in accordance with La.R.S.30:2011, using standards for printing by state agencies established pursuant to La.R.S.43:31

CONTACT

awareness • education • protection

remember, it is up to all of us to protect drinking water in our community. For more information, please contact the DEQ Drinking Water Protection Team.



OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AQUIFER EVALUATION & PROTECTION SECTION

Mail: PO Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314
Phone: 1-888-763-5424 or 225-219-3510
E-mail: sectaqeva@la.gov
Web: www.deq.louisiana.gov/AEPS



**DRINKING
WATER!**
& you

INTRODUCTION

awareness • education • protection

you can't think about life in Louisiana without thinking of water. We drink it, cook with it, and play in it. But over the years, Louisiana's water supply has been subjected to the constant threat of contamination. Drinking water contamination is preventable, and the key to getting it done is you.

who?

- Business owners
- Local Citizens
- Government Officials
- Industry Leaders
- Local Educators
- Water System Operators

PROTECT WATER

One-third of Louisiana's residents get drinking water from surface water sources like lakes, rivers and streams, while two-thirds of Louisiana's residents get drinking water from ground water sources. We use products everyday that could potentially contaminate our drinking water. Gasoline, oil, household cleaners, malfunctioning septic system waste, fertilizers and pesticides are all possible contamination sources. These substances can seep into the ground water or runoff into surface water.

Once contaminated, it is expensive and difficult to treat water to meet drinking water quality standards. We all need to do our part to ensure that the water we drink remains clean and pure. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality specifically designed the Drinking Water Protection Program to assist local communities in protecting their drinking water sources.

the Drinking Water Protection (DWP) Team uses these program elements to meet our drinking water protection goals:

- A. Public Education-** Brochures, videos, highway signs, public service announcements, fact sheets and other materials teach people about drinking water protection.
- B. Community Involvement-** Local community members work together with the DWP team on various activities, such as recycling, community outreach and education.
- C. Ordinances and Zoning-** Statutes are passed by the city or parish government with the purpose of protecting drinking water sources.
- D. Contingency Planning-** The DWP team works with each individual water system or community to develop a contingency plan to deal with a potential loss of their normal water supply.

CLEAN DRINKING WATER CONTRIBUTES TO AN ACTIVE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE!

